

**Regional Telecommunications Council V**  
**Teleconference Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2013 (3:00 p.m.)**

**Call to Order:**

Scott Fosseen, Chair, called the Regional Telecommunications Council V meeting to order.

**Roll Call:**

RTC 5 members present

Scott Fosseen

Jan McNeil

Jan Merz

Jerry Chizek

Jeff Kruse

Other's present

Pat McGinty

Kathy Goebel

**ICN Update (McGinty):**

Working on ERate funding for the K-12 sites (471 telecommunications). There is a rapid growth in internet and data requests. Different reasons for this including the 1 to 1 program, internet intense curriculum.

The ICN is hoping to convert MPEG classrooms to IP video. The new IP classrooms include hanging microphones, HD TV's but not all schools can afford the new classrooms. To help cut down on the cost of the new IP classrooms, a package is being prepared where schools can lease Kodak services from the ICN.

Sites have been upgraded to enlarge bandwidth. All sites have to be updated by June 2013 and they are right on schedule, 50% of the sites have been upgrade. More schools are requesting additional bandwidth.

IP video project – the ICN is allowing all traditional (MPEG) classrooms to upgrade to IP classrooms including HD. Atlantis and Iowa Central are early adaptors and have been using the IP classrooms.

The data part of the ICN continues to grow far beyond what was expected.

**Technician Report (Fosseen):**

The monthly tracking reports from July through December was summarized and read for "Planning and Troubleshooting for Internet and Data Local Area Networks" and "Technical Assistance for Network Classrooms." Things have been moving smoothly, old equipment was upgraded.

**Technician Report (Goebel for Nelson):**

Working on audio problems in the new H.323 classroom in Storm Lake and responding to ICN issues as they come up.

**ILO Updated (Report by Gwen Nagel was read):**

The ILO program legislative request to scale-up and meet the needs of the schools was denied but is a part of the Governor's Education Reform bill for this session. Last year they served 874 students.

Unless the Legislature comes up with another way, they will begin charging the districts. This will allow the ILO program to move toward self-sufficiency.

**RTC 5 Guidelines for FY 2014-Budget Committee:**

Past the Budget Committees consisted of Jan McNeil, Scott Fosseen, and Kathy Goebel. Scott is stepping down and will ask Jeff Herzeberg to take his place on the Budget Committee. Jan Merz made a motion to appoint these three to the RTC 5 Budget Committee. Jeff Kruse seconded the motion. No objections, motion carried.

**Partial Funding of H.323 ICN Room Upgrades:**

The discussion of partially funding schools who want to upgrade to H.323 rooms using money from the Schedulers E-Rate Fund (account balance of \$23,007.55) was put on hold.

Upcoming RTC teleconference meeting dates:

July 10, 2013

November 13, 2013

March 12, 2014